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Patent No. 7,222,193	:	Examiner: George C. Neurauter
Issued: May 22, 2007	:	Group Art Unit: 2143
For: Computer Network Payment System	:	Conf. No.: 3948
	:	Customer No.: 021888

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF OFFICE MISTAKE  
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REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Assignee's undersigned representative of the above referenced patent hereby requests that the Patent Office issue a Certificate of Correction of Office Mistake under 37 C.F.R. §1.322. Claim 2, Column 13, Line 23 of the Letters Patent recites the word "arid" where the word "and" should appear. This mistake is clearly disclosed in the records of the Office, as shown on the USPTO website's PAIR system's Image File Wrapper, that show that:

Request for Certificate of Correction of Office Mistake Under 37 C.F.R. §1.322 and

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U.S. Patent Serial No. 7,222,193

Issued May 22, 2007

Inventor: Stringer

Atty. Docket No. 41759-57619

**PATENT**

- a) Applicant's originally submitted Claim 3, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on December 21, 2001 (see Appendix A).
- b) Applicant's Claim 3 in the Preliminary Amendment, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on December 21, 2001 (see Appendix B).
- c) Applicant's Claim 3 in the First Amendment, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on September 23, 2005 (see Appendix C).
- d) Applicant's Claim 3 in the Second Amendment with RCE, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on April 18, 2006 (see Appendix D).
- e) Applicant's Claim 3 in the Third Amendment, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on October 16, 2006 (see Appendix E).
- f) Applicant's Claim 3 in the Amendment After Final Rejection, which became Issued Claim 2, contained the word "and" in the disputed place of reference, submitted to the Patent Office on February 8, 2007 (see Appendix F).
- g) The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office entered the Amendment After Final Rejection, Initialed by the Examiner as "OK to enter" on March 6, 2007 (see Appendix G).
- h) The Patent Office entered the Index of Claims with the Notice of Allowance on March 8, 2007, showing originally submitted Claim 3 issuing as Claim 2 (see Appendix H).

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U.S. Patent Serial No. 7,222,193

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**PATENT**

In providing the attached documentation, Applicants believe that they have unequivocally established that this error was due to a mistake of the Office. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request Expedited Issuance of this Certificate of Correction as outlined in MPEP §1480.01.

Assignee's undersigned patent agent may be reached at (314) 552-6345. All correspondence should be directed to the below listed address.

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**Dated: August 15, 2007**

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PATENT NO. : 7,222,193 B2

APPLICATION NO.: 10/039,565

ISSUE DATE : May 22, 2007

INVENTOR(S) : Andrew Mark Stringer

It is certified that error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In Column 13, Line 23, replace "arid" with - - and - -.

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# **Appendix A**

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**UTILITY**  
**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for processing)
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27
3.  Specification [Total Pages 51]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below, MPEP 1503.01)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawings (37 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
5.  Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]  
 a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  
 b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application, see  
37 CFR 1.63(e) and 1.33(b)
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-in-part (CIP)      of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Prior application information: Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Group Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which any oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Following is a marked-up version of the Specification with all changes shown by conventional comparison (underlining and bracketing):

CLAIMS

1. A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:

sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers; and  
sending electronic data from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request, said electronic data having associated with it a data field containing a value which represents [the] a commercial value of [the data contained within] the electronic data.

2. [A] The method according to Claim [1] 1, in which the electronic data is transmitted in the form of packets.

3. [A] The method according to Claim 2, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, [reads the value in the] containing electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. [A] The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

5. [A] The method according to [any preceding Claim,] Claim 1, wherein the electronic data request has associated with it a data field containing a [value] value, which represents the commercial value of the data contained within the electronic data request.

## **Appendix B**

**CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING**

DATE OF DEPOSIT: December 21, 2001

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I hereby certify that the foregoing PCT Preliminary Amendment patent application for a COMPUTER NETWORK PAYMENT SYSTEM is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, Express Mail, postage prepaid, on the above-identified date, and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, it is respectfully requested that the application be amended as follows:

Please delete the entire specification.

Please replace with the following substitute Specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.125(b):

CLAIMS

1. A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:

sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers; and  
style="padding-left: 40px;">sending electronic data from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request, said electronic data having associated with it a data field containing a value which represents a commercial value of the electronic data.

2. The method according to Claim 1, in which the electronic data is transmitted in the form of packets.

3. The method according to Claim 2, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, containing electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

5. The method according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic data request has associated with it a data field containing a value, which represents the commercial value of the data contained within the electronic data request.

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# **Appendix C**



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Andrew Mark Stringer

: Confirmation No. 3948

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,565

: Examiner: George C. Neutrauter

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FIRST AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of May 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

First Amendment  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,565  
Office Action Dated: May 23, 2005  
Inventor: Andrew Mark Stringer  
Attorney Docket No. 41759-57619

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:

    sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers, and routers;

    sending electronic data in the form of packets from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request, request,

whereby the operation of the server is governed by a server protocol which causes the electronic data sent from the server to have said electronic data having associated with it a data field containing a value which represents a commercial value of the electronic data; electronic data; and

whereby each of said one or more routers has a router protocol which causes each router to forward a data packet in accordance with a routing table and to update the value contained in the data field to reflect a corresponding added commercial value.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended): The method according to Claim 1, Claim 2, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, containing

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Inventor: Andrew Mark Stringer  
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electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. (Original): The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

5. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic data request has associated with it a data field containing a value which represents the commercial value of the data contained within the electronic data request.

6. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein total accumulated values for transactions between routers or between routers and servers/clients are recorded.

7. (Original): The method according to Claim 6, wherein clearance payments are made between the operators and/or users of the routers and servers/clients, the clearance payments corresponding to the total accumulated values.

# **Appendix D**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,565 : Examiner: George C. Neutrauter  
: Customer No. 021888  
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**SECOND AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks. Also accompanying this response is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), a petition for a one (1) month extension of time, and the requisite fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks begin on Page 7 of this paper.**

An Appendix, which is a formal Interview Summary, is attached following Page

Second Amendment With RCE  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,565  
Office Action Dated: May 23, 2005  
Inventor: Andrew Mark Stringer  
Attorney Docket No. 41759-57619

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:  
sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers; and  
sending electronic data in the form of data packets from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request,  
whereby the operation of the server is governed by a server protocol which causes the electronic data packet sent from the server to have associated with it a data field containing a value which represents a commercial value monetary worth of the electronic data in the data packet,  
whereby each of said one or more routers has a router protocol which causes each router to forward the a data packet in accordance with a routing table and to update the value contained in the data field to reflect a corresponding added commercial value the added monetary worth of the electronic data in the data packet associated with the action of forwarding the data packet.

2. (Cancelled).

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3. (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, containing electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. (Original): The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

5. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic data request has associated with it a data field containing a value which represents the commercial value of the data contained within the electronic data request.

6. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein total accumulated values for transactions between routers or between routers and servers/clients are recorded.

7. (Original): The method according to Claim 6, wherein clearance payments are made between the operators and/or users of the routers and servers/clients, the clearance payments corresponding to the total accumulated values.

# **Appendix E**

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,565 : Examiner: George C. Neurauter  
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: :  
For: COMPUTER NETWORK : Attorney Docket No. 41759-57619  
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**THIRD AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks, a petition for a one (1) month extension of time, and the requisite fees.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.

Appendix A is attached following Page 12 of this paper.

Third Amendment  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,565  
Office Action Dated: June 15, 2006  
Inventor: Andrew Mark Stringer  
Attorney Docket No. 41759-57619

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended): A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:

    sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers; and

    sending electronic data in the form of data packets from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request,

    whereby the operation of the server is governed by a server protocol which causes the data packet sent from the server to have associated with it a data field containing a value which represents a monetary worth of the electronic data in the data packet,

    whereby each of said one or more routers has a router protocol which causes each router to forward the data packet in accordance with a routing table and to update the value contained in the data field by increasing the value to reflect the added monetary worth of the electronic data in the data packet associated with the action of forwarding the data packet.

2. (Cancelled).

Third Amendment

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Office Action Dated: June 15, 2006

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3. (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, containing electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

4. (Original): The method according to Claim 3, wherein each of said one or more routers checks whether the value in the data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet falls within predefined parameters and rejects the packet if the value falls outside the predefined parameters.

5. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the electronic data request has associated with it a data field containing a value which represents the commercial value of the data contained within the electronic data request.

6. (Original): The method according to Claim 1, wherein total accumulated values for transactions between routers or between routers and servers/clients are recorded.

7. (Original): The method according to Claim 6, wherein clearance payments are made between the operators and/or users of the routers and servers/clients, the clearance payments corresponding to the total accumulated values.

# **Appendix F**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.

Appendix A is attached following Page 7 of this paper.

Amendment After Final Rejection  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,565  
Office Action Dated: November 21, 2006  
Inventor: Andrew Mark Stringer  
Attorney Docket No. 41759-57619

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended): A method of electronic payment for data transferred across a computer network containing at least one client, at least one server and at least one router which forwards data, the method comprising the steps of:

    sending an electronic data request from a client to a server via one or more routers, and

    sending electronic data in the form of data packets from said server to said client via one or more routers in response to said electronic data request[[,]],

    whereby the operation of the server is governed by a server protocol which causes the data packet sent from the server to have associated with it a data field containing a value which represents a monetary worth an intrinsic value of the electronic data in the data packet[[,]], and

    whereby each of said one or more routers has a router protocol which causes each router to forward the data packet in accordance with a routing table and to update the value contained in the data field by increasing the value to reflect the added monetary worth an aggregated overall worth of the electronic data in the data packet associated with the action of forwarding the data packet.

2. (Cancelled).

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3. (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein each of said one or more routers receives an incoming data packet, containing electronic data and a data field associated with the electronic data in the incoming data packet, reads the value in the data field, calculates a new value based on the read value and the cost of forwarding the data packet, and forwards the data packet with the new value in the associated data field.

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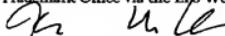
8. (Currently Amended): A system of electronic payment for data based on a hardware infrastructure of linked routers, data providers and data users, comprising:

# **Appendix G**

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# **Appendix H**

**Index of Claims****Application/Control No.**

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